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Judge hints he may block voter ID requirements

A state judge signaled yesterday that he may block at least part of the state's controversial voter identification law as he weighs a closely watched case that could influence Election Day turnout in the battleground state.

At the conclusion of a full day of hearings on the matter, Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson asked attorneys for the state and for the civil rights and voting rights groups challenging the law what each side would include in any injunction he might issue.

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▶ You're forewarned?

Simpson, who upheld the law in August, called the hearing on orders from the state's highest court to reconsider his ruling. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court last week told him to decide by Oct. 2 whether voters have "liberal access" to the mandated IDs, and if they don't, to block the law before the Nov. 6 election. National attention is focused on the court battle over the law passed in March by the Republican-led Legislature without a single Democratic vote, as similar fights over potential voter disenfranchisement by ID laws are waged in Texas and South Carolina.

The hearing will resume today and Simpson indicated he will rule shortly afterward.

"I am not of the mind to wait until the last minute. The sooner the better," Simpson said.

REUTERS

Quoted: Judge Robert Simpson

"I'm gong to ask both sides what the injunction should look like. I'm giving you a heads up. I need input from people who have been working on this a lot longer than I have."

In the news

Former coach guilty

Former Neumann-Goretti baseball coach Louis Spadaccini pleaded guilty to sex abuse charges in two separate incidents involving 13-year-old and 14-year-old boys, the city District Attorney said yesterday. Spadaccini, 38, gave both boys alcohol before sexual contact. He will be sentenced to 12 to 24 years in prison.

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In the news

Spying in N.J.

A Chinese national who formerly worked as an engineer for L-3 Communications space and navigation unit in Camden, N.J., was convicted Wednesday of illegally exporting sensitive U.S. military technology to China. Sixing "Steve" Liu, 49, was found guilty of nine charges, including possessing stolen trade secrets, violating export laws and lying to federal agents. He was acquitted on two additional counts of lying to federal agents.

Philly's new champion pugilist has now arrived

- Danny Garcia, already 24-0, goes for 25 in a row next month in NYC
- North Philly native already pride of city's Puerto Rican community

As a monument to the legendary "Smokin' Joe" Frazier slowly rises, another Philly-born pugilist is emerging from its shadow.

With a 24-0 record and 15 knockouts, undefeated light welterweight world champion Danny "Swift" Garcia is tearing through match after match — and the boxing world is taking notice.

"I worked for a lot of years and I'm happy people kind of realize it now," Garcia said. "I had to prove myself. I'm only 24 years old, but I'm slowly progressing and I'm still young. I feel like it's coming right along perfect."

Garcia shows all the hallmarks that have historically made the city's boxers great. Grit. Determination. Relentlessness.

And, like Frazier, one helluva left hook. Garcia has been a fighter since day one, struggling to survive in the delivery room. "He had the umbilical cord around his neck, so when he came out, he was purple," his father, Angel Garcia said. "Everybody got worried and I saw the doctor's reaction and I really thought that — but then I saw that Danny's a fighter from birth."

Angel, a former boxer himself, nurtured that spirit, training Garcia at the Harrowgate Boxing Club as soon as he reached the legal age — 10 years old.

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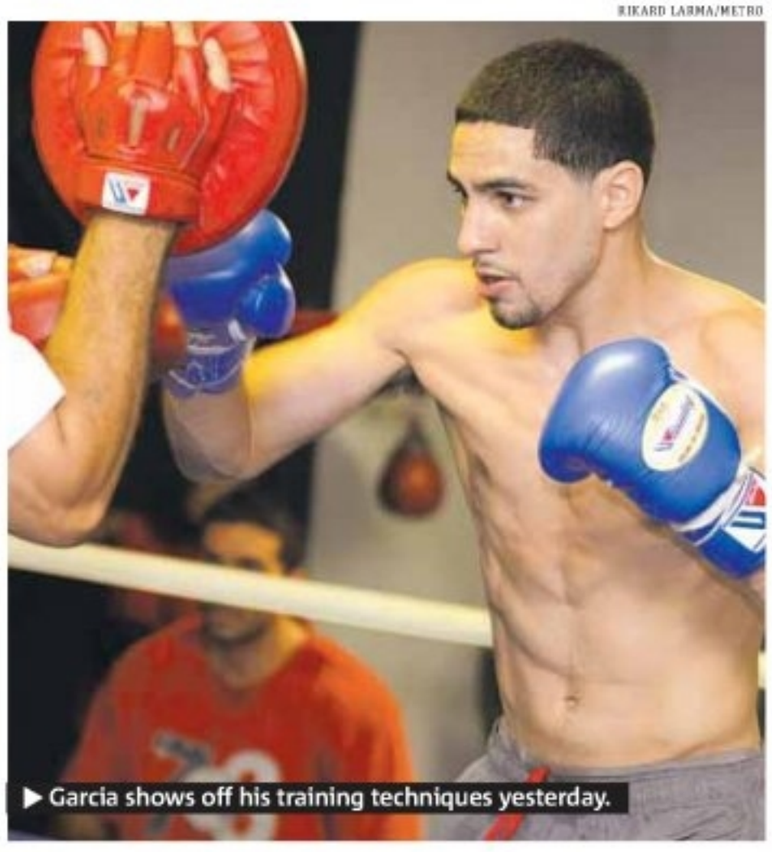
▶ Garcia shows off his training techniques yesterday.

Quoted

"Philly made me. It's just the way the people are bred, the way people grow up — being tough. I carry that to the ring with me, that street toughness. And when I get tired, I remember where I come from and it gives me that extra boost." GARCIA

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Upsets and knockouts

Here are some of the highlights of Garcia's five-year professional career:

Oct. 15, 2011: In his first fight televised on HBO, Garcia dominated former light welterweight world champion Kendall Holt, 30, winning the vacant North American Boxing Organization title and taking the number two spots in the rankings of sanctioning bodies World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation.

Jan. 28, 2012: Garcia won his first world championship, defeating the legendary Erik "Terrible" Morales, 35, to take the World Boxing Council title.

July 14, 2012: Garcia beat huge 1-7 favorite Amir "King" Khan, 25, in a fourth round TKO victory during a title unification bout to win his second world championship, the World Boxing Association title.

Oct. 15, 2012: Garcia will face off in a rematch against Morales to defend his WBC and WBA titles at Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

Less boastful than most

Introverted and laser-focused, Danny Garcia also is often reticent. That's where his dad comes in. Angel Garcia, both trainer and hypeman, credits his outspokenness with his survival of stage IV throat cancer, a battle during which he almost lost his voice for good. Here are some of his most controversial comments:

"I thought Danny gave him too much respect. I thought Danny could've stomped around at any time. He chose not to. This time around, Danny's got to stomp him. ... I think Morales, he's a great champion. He had his days, but there's a new era of boxing."
ON GARCIA'S FIRST BOUT AND UPCOMING REMATCH WITH ERIK MORALES AT THE GYM YESTERDAY

"No one likes him and many people around him are secretly hoping that he gets knocked out. Danny is going to send him back to Pakistan on a flying carpet with a genie in a bottle."
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Raises for some city workers sparks rebuke from city union

District Council 47, which hasn't had a contract since 2009, likened mayor to 'a thief in the night'

Mayor Michael Nutter yesterday announced a new wage and benefit reform package for about 5,500 nonunion city workers, renewing debate about the issues behind a nearly three-year contract stalemate between City Hall and the city's roughly 11,000 nonuniformed union workers.

He called the pay raise and benefit cuts "almost the same as proposals that union leaders representing the city's nonuniformed employees have refused to consider."

The Nutter administration and the nonuniformed municipal unions have been at odds since 2009, when a one-year contract negotiated because of the economic downturn expired. Despite multiple sitdowns, the two sides have not come to an agreement.

Quoted

"What the mayor is imposing, like a thief in the night, and solely at his whim, is a pay and benefit cut for the vast majority of city employees."
STATEMENT FROM D.C. 47

"In years past, nonrepresented employees and exempt employees were given the same compensation enhancements that had been negotiated with the two municipal unions," Nutter said, adding that those employees have forgone pay raises and lump sum bonuses for years.

But D.C. 47 in a statement blasted the plan as "a deceit," saying that the wage increase is greatly offset by the value of the benefit cuts.

"What the mayor is imposing, like a thief in the night, and solely at his whim, is a pay and benefit cut for the vast majority of city employees," D.C. 47 president Cathy Scott said. "For some, it is a massive pay cut."

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▶ Despite occasional protests, union members remain without a contract.

Behind the raise

Effective Oct. 1, most employees mentioned will receive the following package:

- A 2.5 percent pay increase, plus restored step and longevity increments that were frozen in 2009, though no back pay will be issued for wages lost during the freeze.
- The possibility of furloughs when warranted by the city's financial state.
- The elimination of double time, a requirement of 40 hours per week to receive overtime and the elimination of paid leave, outside of vacation, in determining whether an employee is eligible for overtime.
- An increase in employee contributions to the city-administered healthcare plan beginning in Jan. 2013, with the city contributing between 89 and 92 percent of healthcare costs, depending on the plan.
- New employees will receive a hybrid pension plan with a defined benefit and a 401(k)-style defined contribution.

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No arrests made in rash of shootings

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▶ Gunfire across city

Five people were shot in West and Southwest Philadelphia, one person fatally, in the space of five hours Tuesday afternoon into evening.

Police said the violence broke out shortly before 3:15 p.m. at the 1400 block of South 20th Street near Reed Street in Point Breeze. A man, 23, was shot once in the chest and rushed to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where he is in critical condition.

About an hour later, Alisa Canty, 31, was sitting in a black Honda Accord with her 5-year-old daughter at the 7300 block of Theodore Street in the Eastwick section of Southwest Philadelphia when an unknown person opened fire into the car.

Canty was shot in the chest and pronounced dead a short time later at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Her daughter suffered a graze wound to the head and is in stable condition at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Though multiple outlets report that Canty lived in Delaware, police said they have her address listed as the unit block of West Chester Pike in Ridley, Pa. She was reportedly in the area to pick up her boyfriend, who may have been the target of the gunfire. Investigators said the motive is listed as narcotics-related.

Police said that, around 7 p.m., a 28-year-old man was shot in the leg, side and buttock on the 6100 block of Walton Avenue in West Philadelphia. He is in critical condition at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

A fifth victim, a 20-year-old man, was shot once in the lower back at the 600 block of Union Street near 39th and Wallace streets in the Mantua section of West Philadelphia at 8:40 p.m., police said. No arrests have yet been made in any of the incidents, police said.

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Poll. Corbett's low marks

▶ Most Pennsylvania voters give Corbett less than stellar marks for his investigation, as state attorney general, of Sandusky.

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Few smiles for Sandusky probe

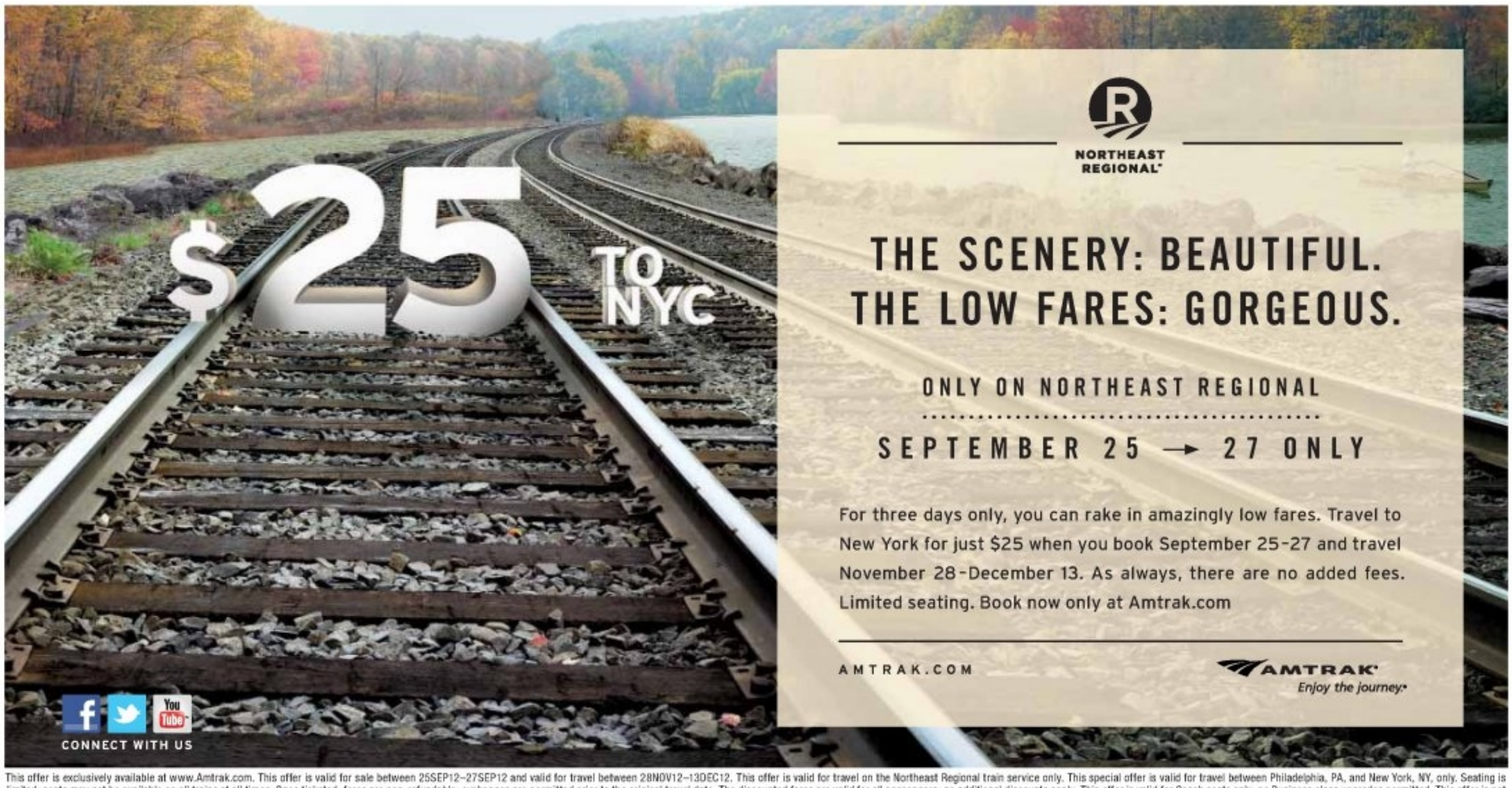
Only 17 percent of the state's voters think Gov. Tom Corbett did a good or excellent job investigating Jerry Sandusky, according to a Franklin & Marshall College survey, whose director attributed the low rating in part to a sense Corbett did not move the grand jury investigation fast enough. REUTERS

Wilmington plant's plans still up in air

DELAWARE. Fisker Automotive, the maker of luxury plug-in hybrid cars, said it raised more than $100 million from private investors as the startup tries to overcome issues with its Karma sedan and readies a second model.

Fisker announced the funding a day after its $103,000 Karma, which goes about 40 miles on battery power before a gasoline engine propels it, was criticized by Consumer Reports. The magazine didn't recommend the car, citing its interior design and reliability. The carmaker, co-founded by designer Henrik Fisker, has recalled Karmas for flawed lithium-ion batteries and cooling fans.

The carmaker was approved for $529 million in U.S. Energy Department loans in 2009 to develop and build its vehicles. Fisker's plan to use those funds to make its second model at a closed General Motors plant in Wilmington has been stalled since February. BLOOMBERG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▶ The officers involved will not face criminal charges.

UC Berkeley pays $1 million to settle pepper spray suit

University officials in California have agreed to pay $1 million to settle a lawsuit over a pepper spraying incident last year that came to symbolize law enforcement aggression against anti-Wall Street protesters, court papers filed yesterday showed.

Video of the confrontation, which showed seated student protesters being pepper-sprayed by campus police at the University of California campus at Davis, was played widely on television and the Internet, sparking outrage among faculty and activists.

Under the terms of the settlement, each of the 21 students and recent graduates from the campus who sued University of California regents over the November 2011 incident will receive a $30,000 payment and a personal apology from UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi.

The pepper spray incident thrust the normally quiet campus to the forefront of national anti-Wall Street protests.. **REUTERS**

$30K

Each of the 21 students and recent graduates who sued University of California regents over the November 2011 incident will receive a $30,000 payment.

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The deal also includes $250,000 in costs for plaintiffs' attorney fees. The plaintiffs were represented by the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

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In the news

Supreme Court rethinks ruling on drunken driving tests

WASHINGTON. The Supreme Court will consider whether police must get a warrant before forcing a suspected drunken driver to submit to a blood test, a case that could set a new legal standard for drivers' privacy.

By agreeing on Tuesday to hear the case along with six others, the court has agreed to review close to 40 cases for the nine-month term that begins on Monday. **REUTERS**

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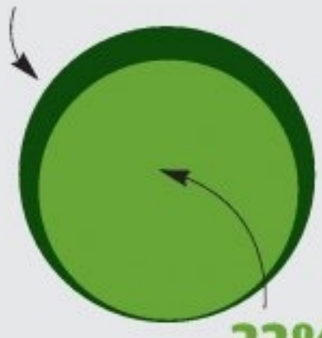
US feeling better than in 2009; skeptical of Obama

Better off?

More Americans see themselves as better off since Obama took office in January 2009. "I certainly don't think it's where we want to be, but it's better," says poll respondent Mica Darley-Emerson of Ohio.



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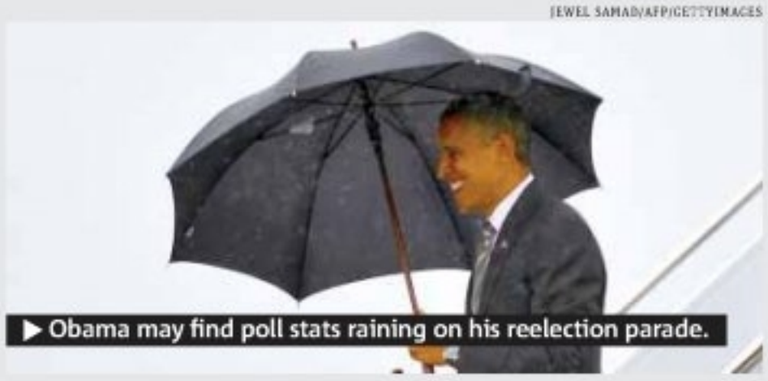

▶ Obama may find poll stats raining on his reelection parade.

Public confidence in the U.S. economy is bolstering President Barack Obama's reelection chances even as Americans continue to view his stewardship skeptically.

As recently as six months ago, Americans were evenly split on whether their lives were better or worse than when Obama took office. This question has been fundamental to presidential campaigns since Ronald Reagan posed it in 1980: "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" **BLOOMBERG**

"Obviously, the president ... doesn't have a magic wand. ... But he's a leader. He can't just say the Republicans are being obstinate. You have no excuse when you're the president."

POLL RESPONDENT STEVEN CREWS

Disapproval

The easing anxiety hasn't translated into satisfaction with Obama's handling of the economy. The margin is about the same as in the last Bloomberg poll, taken in June.

The nation in numbers

Young, Hispanics lack voter IDs

Younger Americans, people without college educations, the poor and Hispanics are among the groups most likely to be unable to vote under new state laws requiring photo ID, shows Reuters/Ipsos poll data. **REUTERS**

8 Percent of voters ages 18-24, 5 percent of Hispanics and 5 percent of those who have never attended college lack papers to vote.

1 Percent of those with a college degree or higher said they do not have IDs to vote

98 Percent of people ages 55 and up who have the right papers to vote

$25K Four percent of households making less than $25,000 a year said they lack a valid photo ID.

$50K Two percent of households making $50,000 or more said they lacked ID.

Quoted: Romney talks national unemployment

"I've been across the country. My heart aches for the people I've seen."

MITT ROMNEY EXPRESSED EMPATHY FOR UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS. HE WAS JOINED BY GOLF LEGEND AND OHIO NATIVE JACK NICKLAUS.

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A new poll shows that President Barack Obama leads Romney in Ohio by 10 percentage points and is ahead in both Florida and Pennsylvania by similar margins.

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TAKE THIS TO THE BANK: BIG DONORS GET WHAT THEY PAY FOR

Earlier this week, Mitt Romney came out in favor of regulating campaign finance — but only for donors that contribute overwhelmingly to Democrats.

Asked about the teachers union strike in Chicago, Romney said that the real problem is not their ability to strike — but their ability to give money to politicians. "We simply can't have a setup where the teachers unions can contribute tens of millions of dollars to the campaigns of politicians and then those politicians, when elected, stand across from them at the bargaining table, supposedly to represent the interests of the kids," Romney explained, adding that, to avoid this conflict of interest, teachers unions should not be permitted to contribute to political campaigns.

Indeed, it's hard to trust a politician who is notoriously greased by one side of a dispute.

Mitt Romney would have to admit, then, that he has a massive conflict of interest when it comes to the big banks. All of Mitt Romney's top donors work for the big banks. By contrast, none of Barack Obama's top donors are banks; they are accounting and law firms, universities, software companies and (not surprisingly) federal government employees. By Romney's own logic, Obama is far more likely to put the country's interests ahead of the big banks, so massive and one-sided are the banks' contributions to the Romney campaign.

Of course, it was Barack Obama in 2008 who received the overwhelming share of his campaign cash from the big banks, and look what they bought. For treasury secretary, Obama chose Tim Geithner — the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York who, from 2003-2009, was responsible for regulating the big banks (heck of a job, Timmy).

Obama's Justice Department has failed to prosecute a single banker, despite evidence of rampant fraud. The big banks are still exposed to more than $200 trillion in derivatives bets — an amount that is more than three times the world economy.

The failure to regulate campaign finance is the primary reason for our government's inability to solve our biggest problems. Yet something tells me that neither Obama nor Romney will do anything about it.

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▶ JPMorgan Chase is one of Romney's top campaign donors in 2012.

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Metro looks at Philly region's heralded tradition of nonpublic schools From archdiocesan parochial schools to Quaker schools, region has much to show for its private education options

So what does 'private school' mean anyway?

Private schools charge tuition — unlike public schools, which are free to all students in the school district. Many are associated with a church or denomination, which may or may not maintain direct control of the school.

If the school has its own board of trustees and manages its own finances, it is considered an independent school, even if it is associated with a church. All independent schools are private, but not all private schools are independent.

Parochial schools are operated and under the financial supervision of the Catholic church. In the five-country region, parochial schools are administered by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Then there is he Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools is a nonprofit organization representing 135 independent private schools serving over 50,000 students, 24.4 percent of them students of color. Members include military schools as well as schools associated with a variety of denominations and nondenominational schools.

These schools award over $190 million per year in need-based financial aid to 34 percent of their students.

Most independent schools have need-blind admissions policies, which means that the decision whether or not to admit a student is based on the student's aptitude and record, not on whether his or her family might need financial aid to cover tuition and fees.

Once a child has been accepted, his or her parents should talk to the school about financial need. Most schools have some scholarship funds available. There are also several organizations that provide financial aid to K-12 students.

- **Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia** (www.csfphiladelphia.org) gives four-year scholarships to 3,000 students in grades K-8.
- **Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools** (www.blocs.org) gave partial-tuition scholarships to more than 3,000 students during the 2010-11 school year. It also give money directly to schools for endowment and training.

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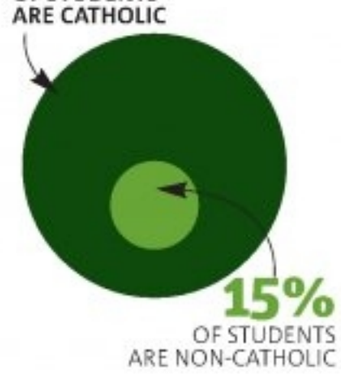
▶ Parochial schools like St. Huberts in Northeast Philadelphia provide students with an alternative to public schools.

Parochial schools



75%
75 percent of the students get financial aid.

Tuition costs

Tuition costs $4,500 per year, but upon admission each student gets a scholarship of at least $2,100 per year. There are additional discounts if a family has more than one child in the school:

- One child: $2,400/year
- Two children: $3,625/year
- Three children: $3,945/year

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By the numbers

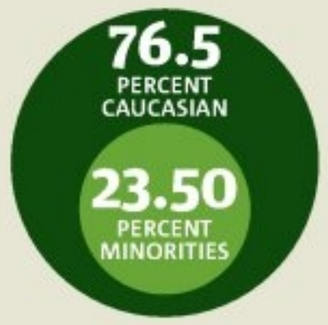
Parochial schools

Numbers for schools run by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, which covers the five-county region (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties), in the 2010-11 school year, the last for which data is available.

68K+

- **Total enrollment:** 68,396 students
- **Elementary schools:** 75.1 percent
- **Secondary schools:** 24.1 percent
- **Special education:** 0.31 percent
- **Early childhood education:** 0.49 percent

Students by race, religion, gender:



- **Minority:** 23.50 percent **Caucasian:** 76.5 percent
- **Catholic:** 85.46 percent **Non-Catholic:** 14.54 percent
- **Boys:** 48.96 percent **Girls:** 51.04 percent

Graduation rates

98.3%

Graduation rates range from 98.3 percent (in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties) to 99.7 percent (in Chester County) in archdiocesan schools.

91.8%

Percentage of graduates who go on to some form of post-secondary education range from 91.8 percent in Philadelphia to 96.8 percent in Chester county, with an average of 95.5 percent in the five-county area.

One school: Part Catholic, part indie

Not all Catholic schools in Philadelphia were worried about the reorganization of archdiocesan schools last spring. The students and staff of St. Martin de Porres School in North Philadelphia knew their K-8 school would still be open this fall.

"Because we had signed the paperwork making us an independent school in the fall of 2011, we weren't in danger of being closed," says Sister Nancy Fitzgerald, the school's principal. As an independent school, St. Martin has its own board and controls its own budget. "We are still a Catholic school, though," Fitzgerald says "We base our curriculum on the archdiocese's."

The school sought independent status for two reasons: to design programs that would most benefit its students and to attract donors who don't traditionally give to parochial schools. So far, so good on both fronts: Starting this fall, they have added 90 minutes to each school day, offering academic enrichment and not just babysitting service. Programs include classes in art and science, plus additional work in reading, writing and math skills.

The school has been able to cover the additional instructional cost, part-time teachers for specific programs and longer hours for the teachers already on staff, without raising tuition, because of the board's success in attracting grant money and other donations.

"With the backing we have, both our enrollment and services are growing," Fitzgerald says. "St. Martin is a good alternative and choice for many people in North Philadelphia."

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21 of 24 graduates in 2012 have gone on to attend an archdiocesan high school; the others will attend one of Philadelphia's magnet schools, such as Central or Girls High.

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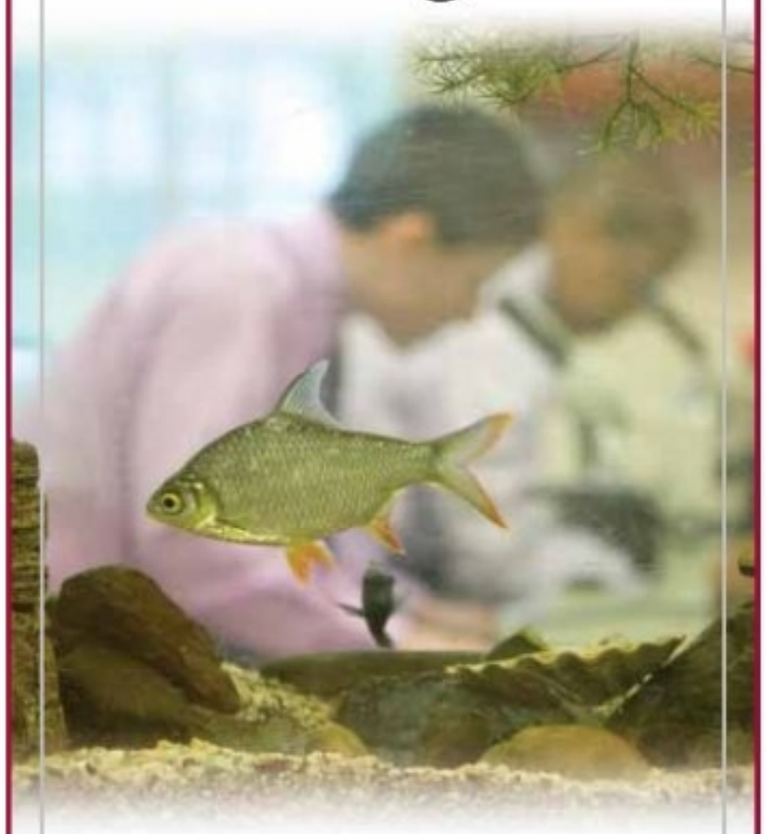

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Quaker schools among most diverse in world

Students come from all over world to attend Philly region Quaker schools ◗ Tradition began with William Penn and is oldest in the world

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▶ Quaker schools, like Westtown School in Chester County, are known for their diversity.

People assume that the students at private schools are all rich white kids, but in fact these schools often have a more diverse population than the public school in the same neighborhood.

"This diversity is part of what parents are paying for," says Pat Macpherson, diversity coordinator at Westtown School, a K-12 Quaker school in Chester County. "The [financial] cost can be significant, but some families regard it as an important investment in their children's future."

Boarding schools, which often attract not only students from around the U.S. but international students as well, are even more diverse than other independent schools. Westtown currently has students from Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Germany, Austria, Korea, Vietnam and China. "This makes for an unusually diverse, unusually rich educational conversation," Macpherson says.

"These students give standard middle-class kids good role models."
PAT MACPHERSON, ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In addition, Quaker schools, with their commitment to social justice, make an effort to recruit students from low-income and other underserved populations. "These students give standard middle-class kids good role models," Macpherson says. "They are unusually talented [and] unusually motivated, and [they] often become student leaders."

It is important that these students arrive with preparation and support, that they "aren't just airdropped in and left to cope," Macpherson says, so Westtown works with several organizations in the Philadelphia region that helps prepare candidates, such as Steppingstone Scholars, Inc.

'Oldest in the world'

Philadelphia has a long history of Quaker schools. Penn Charter in East Falls was founded by William Penn himself in 1689. It is not only the oldest Quaker school in Philadelphia, but the oldest Quaker school in the world.

Westtown is a relative newcomer — it was founded in 1799.

Affording Quaker school tuition

Because each Quaker schools is independently operated, tuition varies from school to school. Smaller Quaker schools, which are often connected to a local meeting, are usually less expensive. These are usually either K-5 or K-8.

"All schools have a financial aid budget for middle- and lower-class families," Macpherson says. In addition, many families apply for scholarship funds not tied to a particular school.

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▶ Is that an SAT prep test?

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For some Philadelphians, the answer is "fourth grade." This is when they apply to Steppingstone Scholars, Inc., a nonprofit educational improvement organization that provides academic enrichment, mentoring and support to children from low-income families. Steppingstone helps participants gain admission to the high schools that will prepare them for college.

"The current model, that of a pipeline to college, is not working," says Sean Vereen, president of Steppingstone. "What we're developing is more a network." The organization works with partner schools and community volunteers.

Students admitted to the program participate in a 14-month program that includes summer school before and after fifth grade and weekly Saturday classes during fifth grade. They then get assistance in applying to high schools, as well as academic and support services all the way through high school. Vereen recognizes that fourth grade is young, but says: "We feel we can make the most difference at that age, by helping them navigate their educational choices." He emphasizes the importance of family support and involvement throughout the child's entire school career.

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Getting there

Vereen emphasizes that Steppingstone does not just work with students and their families, but with partner schools — and the community as a whole. "It's a new way of looking at resources," he says. "How do we work to support what's happening in the schools? We need to make the whole system better by working with schools, with city government, with everyone involved."

By the numbers

60%

About 60 percent of Steppingstone scholars attend a public charter or magnet school; the other 40 percent attend private or parochial schools in the region. Program staff help these students and their families with obtaining the necessary financial aid for nonpublic schools.

300

About 300 students between fifth and 12th grades are currently participating. After high school, scholars have gone on to attend dozens of colleges; the first two classes have already graduated from college.

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'Bachelorette' stars: Faking it for fame

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▶ Fakers!

The new issue of Us Weekly has a very entertaining cover story on how "Bachelorette" stars **Emily Maynard** and **Jef Holm** are faking their engagement.

I know, I know: It's hard to believe that two fame junkies pretended to be together on a rigged reality TV show to gain attention, but stay with me here.

Apparently, Holm's former girlfriend and current hookup buddy (who he was dating when he went on "The Bachelorette") went into tell-all mode to Us Weekly. The ex, **Kaylee Shepherd**, says that Holm revealed to her that he and Maynard are faking it. In August, a "texting scandal" hit — Maynard was caught sexting another man, which Us Weekly, the Woodward and Bernstein of tabloids, uncovered. Maynard, desperate to preserve her good-girl image, hatched a plan to pay off Holm with half of her "Bachelorette" money. "Jef said their relationship isn't what it seems. It's all basically for TV," Shepherd tells Us.

"It's all basically for TV"? You don't say. Next thing you know, you'll be telling me some actors and actresses get plastic surgery and/or take too many prescription drugs in order to fill the dark void that being famous created. Stop ruining my happy place, Us Weekly!

Kate Gosselin's bodyguard moves on to Honey Boo Boo

Kate Gosselin's bodyguard has moved on from the "Plus 8" family to a new, more up-and-coming dysfunctional brood: the "Honey Boo Boo" clan.

According to Wet Paint, the unnamed bodyguard is watching the whole family, and not just breakout star **Alana**.

They "like to go out and eat at local restaurants at all hours of the day or night," a source tells the site. This habit prompted the recent hiring of two guards to help with security.

I don't know who you are, fearless reality TV bodyguard, but I really hope you are taking notes for an upcoming memoir. That would be magical.

Miley Cyrus: We are forever

Don't expect **Miley Cyrus** and fiance **Liam Hemsworth** to rush down the aisle anytime soon. "I already feel married. I know we are forever. I don't need the paper right now," Cyrus tells Us Weekly. "I don't know when we will get married yet. We are still enjoying being engaged. I've got so much planning to do with the tours and getting my record out. First I have my movie, then my record — then I'll do my wedding planning."

Question: Don't young, ridiculously famous people know that by now, every time they say,"we are forever," they have completely doomed their relationship?

Doomed

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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@SethMacFarlane
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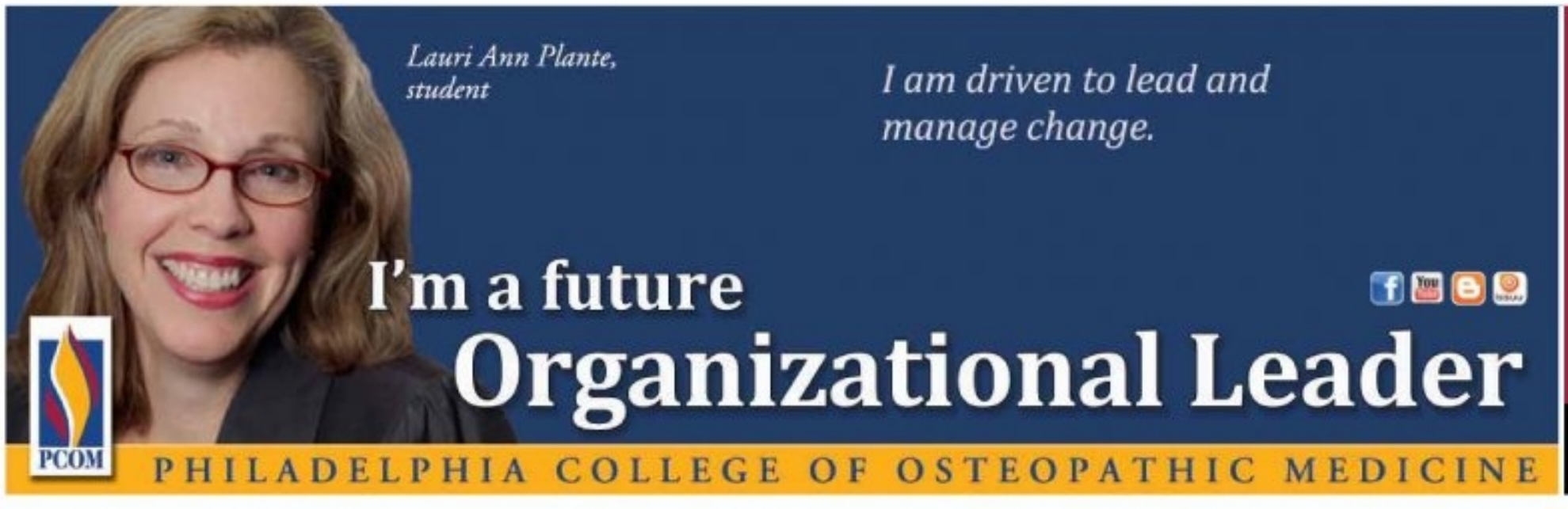
Hillary Clinton is furious that Monica Lewinsky will earn millions for a book about sex with Bill because she's had to do it for free.



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1 **Robin Williams** and **Mila Kunis** got wet filming **Phil Alden Robinson**'s "The Angriest Man In Brooklyn" in Brooklyn yesterday.

2 **Katy Perry** attended a screening of "Katy Perry: Part of Me" at Roppongi Hills on Tuesday in Tokyo.

3 **Priscilla Presley** and her crazy face attended a photocall ahead of her appearance in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at The Savoy Hotel on Wednesday in London.

4 **Tom Dumont, Tony Ashwin, Gwen Stefani** and **Adrian Young** from No Doubt were seen leaving their hotel on Wednesday in London.

5 **Martin Scorsese** was spotted on the set of his new film "Wolf of Wall Street" on Tuesday in New York City.

6 **Emma Watson** was spotted at BBC Radio One on Wednesday in London.

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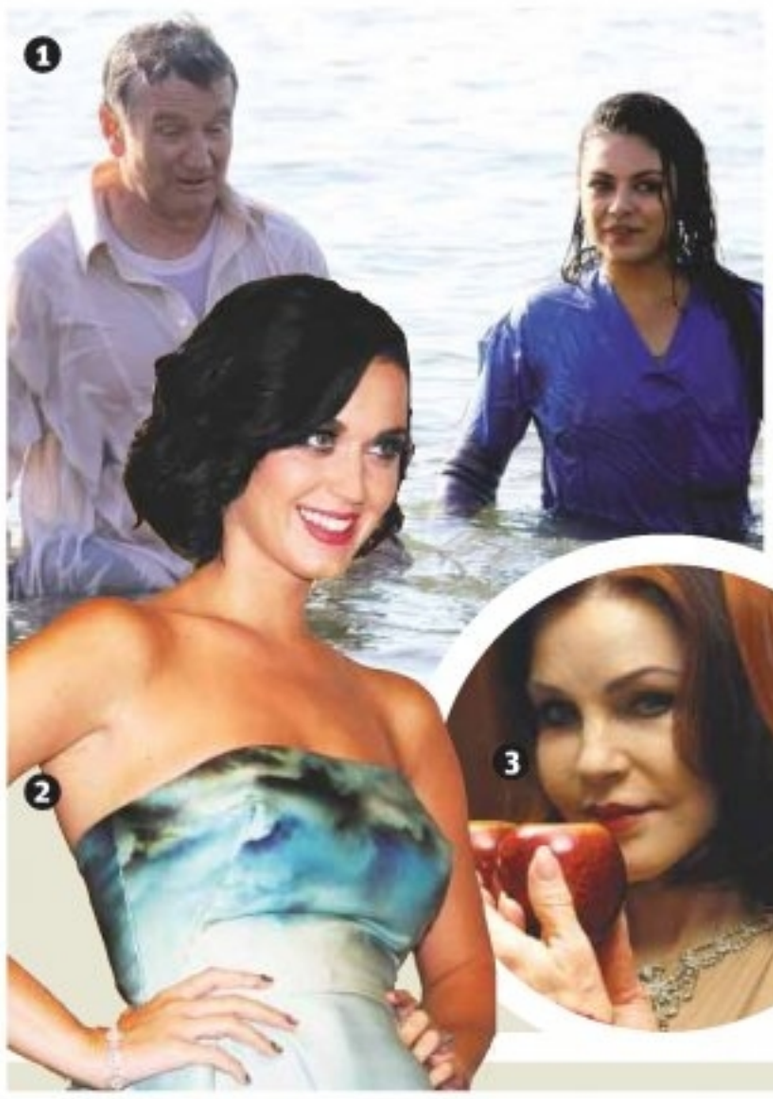

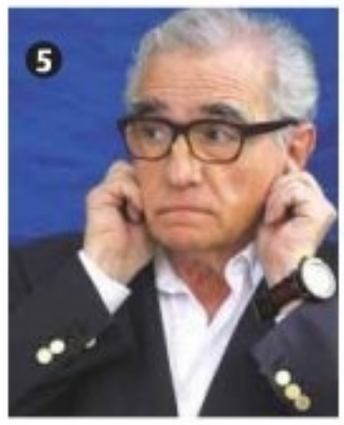

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▶ At least they're not on his bedroom floor: T-shirts made by Jeremy Deller are included in the exhibit.

When home is where the art is

Now on view at the Institute of Contemporary Art, Jeremy Deller's first mid-career survey includes a replica of his childhood bedroom, among other works

Living with your parents until the age of 31 is usually a biographical detail to leave out. Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller, however, transformed his folks' house into a gallery for his first show, and his long-occupied bedroom is now re-created in the ICA for its mid-career survey, "Jeremy Deller: Joy in People."

That bedroom is hung with pop culture-evoking posters, T-shirts, bumper stickers and even Viewmaster reels, while the adjoining bathroom is hung with a compilation of witty toilet humor from the stalls of the British Library. It's early work, but indicative of the irreverent fusion of high and low culture that continues to characterize Deller's work.

"Jeremy didn't start out with the toolkit of the traditional artist," said curator Ralph Rugoff of London's Hayward Gallery during a walk-through of the exhibition. "But he was always someone who took his own enthusiasms very seriously and was willing to pursue them and figure out ways to make something out of them."

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"Jeremy didn't start out with the toolkit of the traditional artist. But he was always someone who took his own enthusiasms very seriously and was willing to pursue them and figure out ways to make something out of them."
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At the ICA, those enthusiasms include Britpop music, professional wrestling and all sorts of detritus of English society, with an offbeat sense of humor that allows one wall to be labeled "My Failures." That is dwarfed by the conceptual coups he has pulled off, including the live melancholy teen reading on a black couch, across the gallery from a reconstructed snack stand where visitors can enjoy a complimentary cup of tea.

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■ **BLANKET FREE COMFORT:** "We just couldn't take another winter of always being cold. And as an early Christmas gift, we got one for the kids to help them with their heat bills," Julia White said.

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10 REASONS TO GO TO THE MOVIES

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▶ Joseph Gordon-Levitt and his eyebrows star in this weekend's time-travel action-thriller, "Looper."

Must-see

1 'Looper'
Not since "Back to the Future Part II" have we witnessed such a brain-teasing time-travel tale. Starring Bruce Willis, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Emily Blunt, this thriller follows an assassin who finds that he is meant to kill his older self. Only Doc Brown could explain what this does to the space-time continuum.

2 'Hotel Transylvania'
Even spooky monsters need a vacation. While their destination of choice may be the eponymous lodge, the creepy-crawly community is threatened by humans who wish to stay at the resort as well. Adam Sandler and his usual crowd — Kevin James, David Spade, etc. — helm this animated picture.

3 'Won't Back Down'
Just in time to feed off the energy of irate parents and teachers, this David and Goliath story is about a powerful school bureaucracy and the parents and teachers (Viola Davis, Maggie Gyllenhaal) who wish to change it.

4 'End of Watch'
Jake Gyllenhaal and Michael Pena star as beat cops who are in over their heads when they start messing with a drug ring.

5 'Trouble with the Curve'
Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams and Justin Timberlake star in this light drama about an aging baseball scout.

6 'House at the End of the Street'
Stripped of her survivalist persona, Jennifer Lawrence of "Winter's Bone" and "The Hunger Games" takes on a more formidable foe than nature: a community haunted by a double murder.

7 'Resident Evil: Retribution'
Milla Jovovich returns as Alice in this series' fifth installment.

8 'Dredd' 3-D
"I am the law," says the judge, jury and executioner of this movie's title, rampaging through a postapocalyptic future where most are under the rule of a reality-altering drug called SLO-MO.

9 'Finding Nemo' 3-D
This beloved 2003 Disney film about a clown fish in search of his dad gets a 3-D update.

10 'The Words'
Bradley Cooper stars as a struggling author who finally has a best-selling book. The problem is that he didn't write it. METRO

TV watch list

▶ Lucy Liu and Jonny Lee Miller star as Watson and Holmes in "Elementary."

'Elementary'

DRAMA. Sherlock fanatics are already up in arms over the casting of Lucy Liu as the traditionally male Watson to Jonny Lee Miller's Holmes. Another sticking point for purists: The quintessential British detective now finds himself solving crimes in modern-day New York City. Anything else? Well, Sherlock has tattoos — but retains his good old demons, grounding his genius and making him relatable. Well, almost relatable.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., CBS

'Louie'

COMEDY. Louie has anything but a very merry December in tonight's season finale.
Season finale, 10 p.m., FX

'Saturday Night Live: Primetime Election Special'

SPECIAL. Will a parody of any politician this election season reach the lofty comedic heights of Tina Fey's Sarah Palin last go-round? If not, it's not for a lack of source material. **8 p.m., NBC**

'Two and a Half Men'

COMEDY. Michael Bolton guest stars as himself, hired by Walden to serenade his lady as if it were 1991. **Season premiere, 8:30 p.m., CBS**

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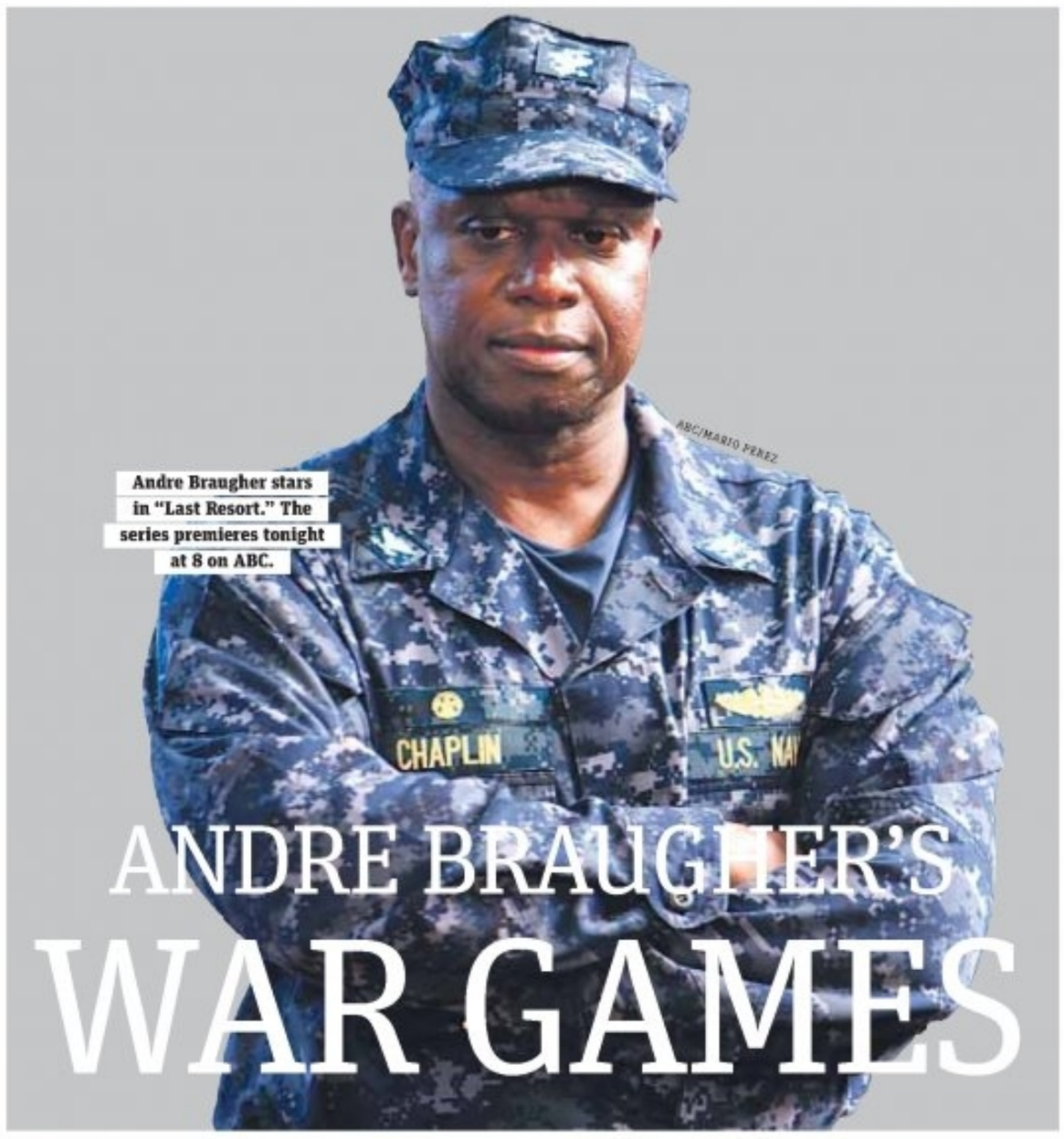

Andre Braugher stars in "Last Resort." The series premieres tonight at 8 on ABC.

ANDRE BRAUGHER'S WAR GAMES

The 'Homicide' star returns to TV with 'Last Resort,' playing a rogue submarine captain on the run Role allows him to explore 'just the right amount of crazy'

Veteran actor Andre Braugher comes back to television with "Last Resort," an intriguing military thriller about a submarine captain who questions an order to launch nuclear missiles at Pakistan — only to have his sub fired upon by his own country. Braugher's Capt. Chaplin and his crew seek refuge on an island in French Polynesia, making a stand against the country for which they used to fight.

Toward the end of the first episode, Scott Speedman's character compliments your character for delivering a message with "just the right amount of crazy." What is the right amount of crazy?
You know, I don't think he's crazy, but he's in grief, and grieving people do crazy things. He's lost a wife, we learn that he's lost a son. He's lost everything he thought he was because he wasn't willing to kill potentially innocent people. And now he's a traitor. And he's grieving and he's betrayed. I know that there's a wily trickster aspect to Chaplin. It's like a Jenga game. He's the kind of guy who knows which blocks to pull in order to either maintain or collapse.

The premise puts your character in a pretty high-pressure, precarious situation. How will the show sustain itself for an entire season like that?
Well, there's the enemy without and the enemy within. I don't know from which episode to which episode it will be. Our human nature is going to exert itself, and how we're going to reorganize ourselves — I don't know who's going to live and who's going to die. Sam [played by Speedman] and I are eventually going to be at odds because we're thinking differently about the world. It's difficult to live with a man who has nothing to lose because the potential for him giving shocking orders rises because there's nobody on the other end.

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Premiere week

So now it's the week of the show's premiere, an experience you've been through many times before.

In the past six years, I've been blessed to be on three shows that were not procedurals so much. "Thief" was an open-ended journey, and I loved that. "Men of a Certain Age" was an open-ended journey — the same thing doesn't happen every week, and I loved that. And now I get the opportunity here for a third time in six or seven years to be a part of a show with an open-ended journey. And I have to say it's marvelous. So I'm hoping for an enthusiastic response, but like any nervous parent, I'm waiting for the event. Sometime Saturday or Sunday when the numbers come in, they're either very pleased or they're not very pleased. We crack open some bottles of champagne or we don't.

Technology

Taking a phone call during sex? Sure thing

One in three mobile phone owners believe it is acceptable to answer the phone while having sex, a new study suggests. New research collected by British-based mobile company Vodafone found that mobile phones continue to infiltrate some of our most intimate moments. The study revealed that 33 percent of respondents would answer a call during sex. In addition, 51 percent said it's OK to do so at a wedding and 54 percent said it is acceptable to pick up while out to dinner. The report also found that most owners have between one and 50 numbers in their contacts, but they only speak to about five to 10 of those on a regular basis.

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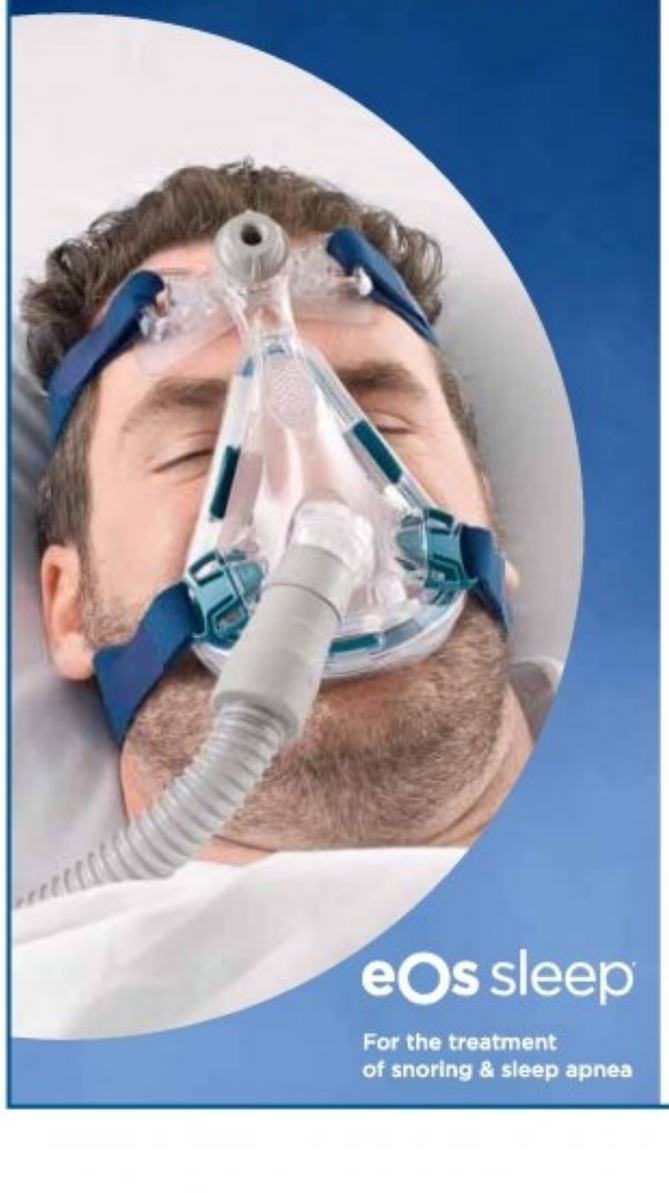

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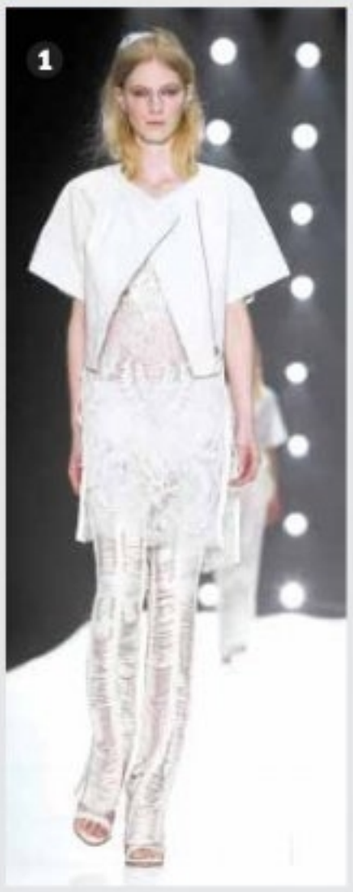

1 Roberto Cavalli
Roberto Cavalli's references to swirly Art Nouveau prints could be read as an homage to female beauty. The impressive all-white opening — which included a short-sleeve crocodile jacket, embroidered lace tunic and draped fringe pants — was the perfect primer for the decadently intricate collection that followed. The silhouettes were sophisticated, clean, elongated, flowing and, as is customary with Cavalli, tastefully racy. To capture the richness of the Art Nouveau period, the prints on slip dresses were illustrated by hand to outline the female body, leather was laser-cut and embroidered for a lace effect and gowns were elaborately embroidered and adorned with crystals in colors such as nude, black, lime and apricot — with touches of brown and aqua.

2 Versace
Donatella Versace showed a collection of strong tailoring and lingerie dressing in a color palette of black, orange, blue, turquoise and nude. Classic menswear-inspired blazers were given a feminine touch. They featured a relaxed fit and were adorned with lace inserts and cutouts. Sexy slip dresses in crushed silk or tie-dye came with slashes that were held together with crisscross lacing. The latter also appeared on ultra-cool skinny trousers. For evening, sweeping chiffon gowns embellished with silver and gold fringing sizzled. We're sure we'll be seeing more of those numbers on the red carpet.

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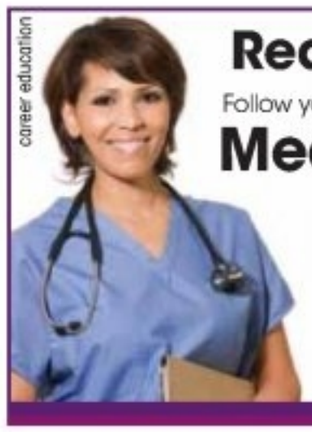

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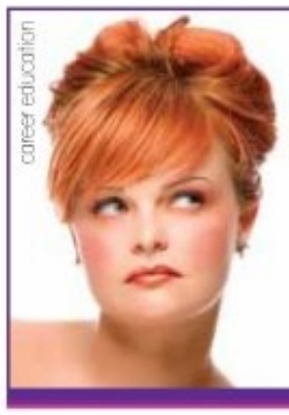

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Oh, to have a crush

Our newest dating columnist, Amber Madison, demystifies the nature of infatuation

The hookup

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It usually starts with a brief interaction that — from the outside — probably didn't look too significant. But from that interaction, a crush was born. With every casual run-in, something else would convince you that your crush was perfect. And as you admired him or her from afar, the pedestal you put your object of affection on grew higher and higher.

In the real world, our dating pool consists of strangers that we either meet at a bar, through a friend or online. And disappointingly, meeting these strangers is often pretty unspectacular. But that's not because singles in your city suck. Decades of research on interpersonal attraction show that the more we see a person, the more we like them — meaning there's only so much you're physically capable of liking someone you just met. You can't expect to have a crush on someone you've just started dating, simply because you don't know them well enough.

Living in a city full of people can make it feel like your options are endless. But it's a mistake to jump from one person to the next, waiting for someone who lives up to your every fantasy. No one will. Date conversations illuminate such a small sliver of who someone is. Some of the people you've dismissed might be ones you would have developed feelings for if you had met them in another context.

If you've been lucky enough to actually date someone you spent months fantasizing about, you know that person can't exactly live up to who you built him or her up to be. So while the prospect of dating someone you haven't put on a pedestal for months is certainly less exciting, it is more real. And reality is a good thing, because it's not eighth grade anymore.

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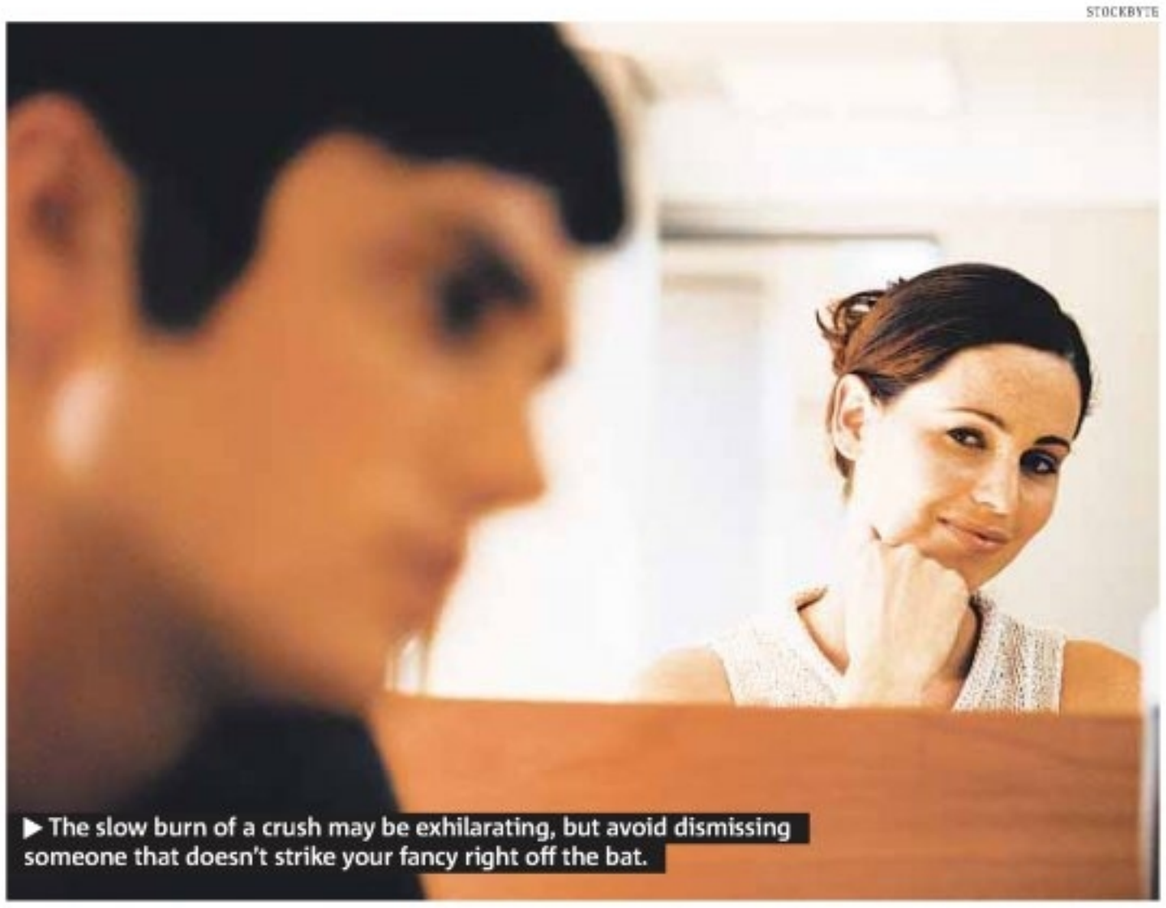

▶ The slow burn of a crush may be exhilarating, but avoid dismissing someone that doesn't strike your fancy right off the bat.

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Meet Amber

Hi readers! I'll be writing this column every-other Thursday. If you have any questions about dating or have any topics you'd like covered, tweet me at @ambermadi.

— ***Amber Madison*** *is a Manhattan-based relationship expert and dating coach. She is the author of "Are All Guys Assholes?" for which she traveled the country, spoke to more than 1,000 men and discovered that the answer to this question is "no." You can follow her on Twitter* ***@ambermadi*** *or online at* ***www.ambermadisononline.com***

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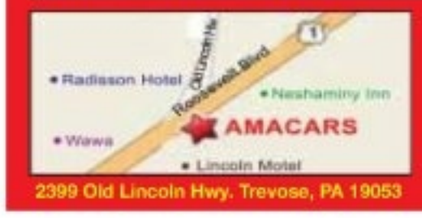

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Well, 95 percent of fourth-graders vote for Curious George

Meanwhile, while all you letter writers are endlessly bickering back and forth between parties, we Americans (yes, we are all in this country together) are about to elect a president who we don't like. Whether it's Obama or Romney in 2012, roughly half of our country seemingly will not approve. This is pure insanity! Can we PLEASE just agree on this one simple fact, and then DO something about it for once?

TRENT SANER, VIA E-MAIL

▶ Attention Dems, GOP: Every year, this guy gets most of the votes in elementary school polls.

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What, you mean you don't want to hear all about his new world order?

RE: "THERE'S (MAYBE) A TIME AND A PLACE — THIS ISN'T IT" (METRO, SEPT. 25) Regarding Iran's president Ahmadinejad's speaking at the U.N. today, Yom Kippur, how would Christians feel if he gave a speech at the U.N. vowing destruction of America and all Christians on Christmas Day or Easter Sunday?

ANNE BRUSKIN, VIA E-MAIL

Wanted: Contractor with character; experience optional

RE: "WINNER TAKES ALL — OF THE FACTS" (METRO, SEPT. 26) Letter writer Don Cancelmo contradicts himself. By his own words: "The problem had been building for many years [before Bush took office]." Isn't he saying it took more than four years for something to materialize? Not every result materializes in less than four years. The economy of a great nation is far more complex than building a house foundation. Fixing a mess of a global magnitude not seen in decades takes time. Yes, I would hire someone who's making progress despite facing a monumental challenge and roadblocks at every turn — he's making progress! It shows character and determination!

MARCO BASTA, VIA E-MAIL

Follow the yellow brick road — back to economics class

RE: "WHO'S AFRAID OF A LITTLE INFLATION?" (METRO, SEPT. 25) Re: David Snieckus' fantasy that all you have to do is print money to become fiscally responsible. Did you ever go to school? Governments get their money by taxing the private sector. There has to be something backing the paper or it becomes worthless. You will be paying with a fistful of money to buy a loaf of bread. Go find yourself an economics teacher to explain it to you, not someone who came up with a video. Who else was in this story, Dorothy and Toto?

PATRICK LAVELLE, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you're trying to come up with the best solution to a present problem, scan your memory bank to find a situation you handled successfully that is similar to the one you're now dealing with.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Make it a point to associate with one of your more successful friends. This far-seeing pal might have the answer that'll put you on the road to something positive.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You're not likely to make any excuses in order to dodge a difficult but necessary decision. Although what you come up with may call for some diplomacy, you can handle it.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Your willingness to help another could result in a rewarding twist of fate. Although your motives will be totally unselfish, you stand to gain a lot.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** One of your best natural assets is your ability to manage people without breeding resentment. They'll perceive that your directives are responsible and that you bear everyone's welfare in mind.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** The cycle you're presently in can result in unusually large rewards if you complete a job on time. It behooves you to stick to a schedule.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Salesmanship is one of your best assets, and you'll show it off with pride. Others will want what you're selling without realizing that it was you who put the desire in their heads.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Because of the way you handle your affairs, it could be another red-letter day for you. Your financial picture will make some huge gains.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** This is one of those days when you're likely to speak your mind whether you have allies or not. You won't leave any doubt in the minds of others as to where you stand.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Go after what's owed you, because it isn't likely you'll find a better day to collect on a debt long overdue. Your chances for being repaid are good.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Your expectations can be realized if you handle what you want in a practical fashion. Be a pragmatic visionary and you'll actually draw good things to yourself with little effort.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Due to your own efforts, as well as those of persons who are working behind the scenes on your behalf, there is little doubt of achieving some major accomplishments.

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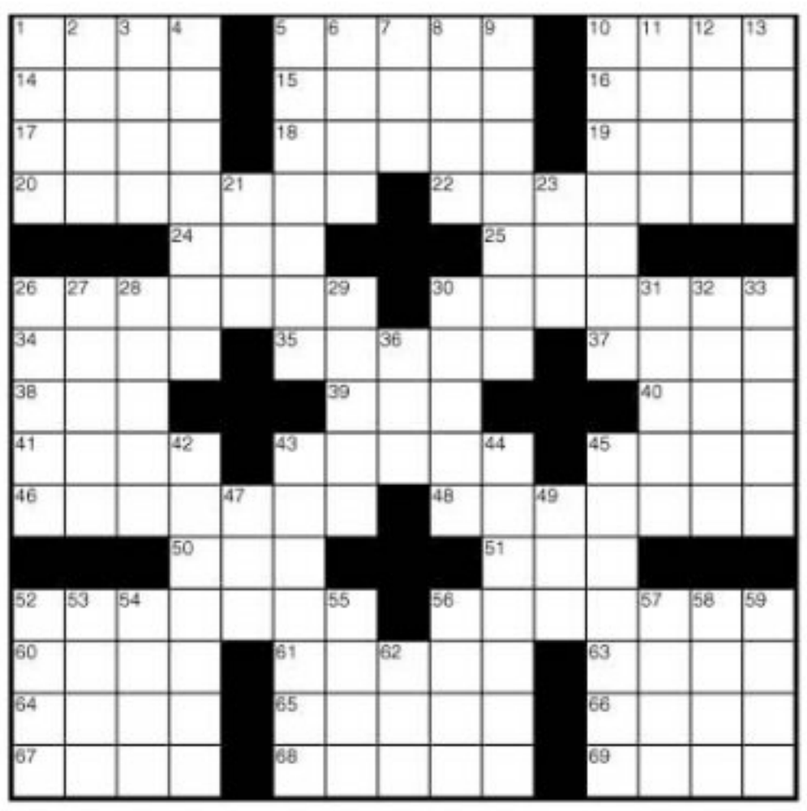

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Reid calls Vick 'starting quarterback,' Birds rally around struggling star

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Blame it on semantics.

Andy Reid's comments Monday that Mike Vick was his quarterback "right now" were blown way out of proportion, according to the Eagles coach. Reid reiterated yesterday that "Michael is our starting quarterback."

Vick said he and Reid discussed the situation.

"We spoke about it, but it wasn't anything serious," Vick said. "We're in a position where we have to look forward to this week."

Of course, the issue isn't one that is going to go away unless Vick starts protecting the football. He has accounted for nine turnovers (six interceptions, three fumbles) in three games this season. His next mistake — maybe Sunday night at Lincoln Financial Field — could earn the first chant for backup Nick Foles. Despite his recent struggles, Vick isn't worried about his job security.

"No, not at all. I know that [turnovers] can be corrected," Vick said. "That's the most important thing, and I know I can get my job done week in and week out. As a whole you have to go out there and put it all together. That's what I'm focused on and nothing in between."

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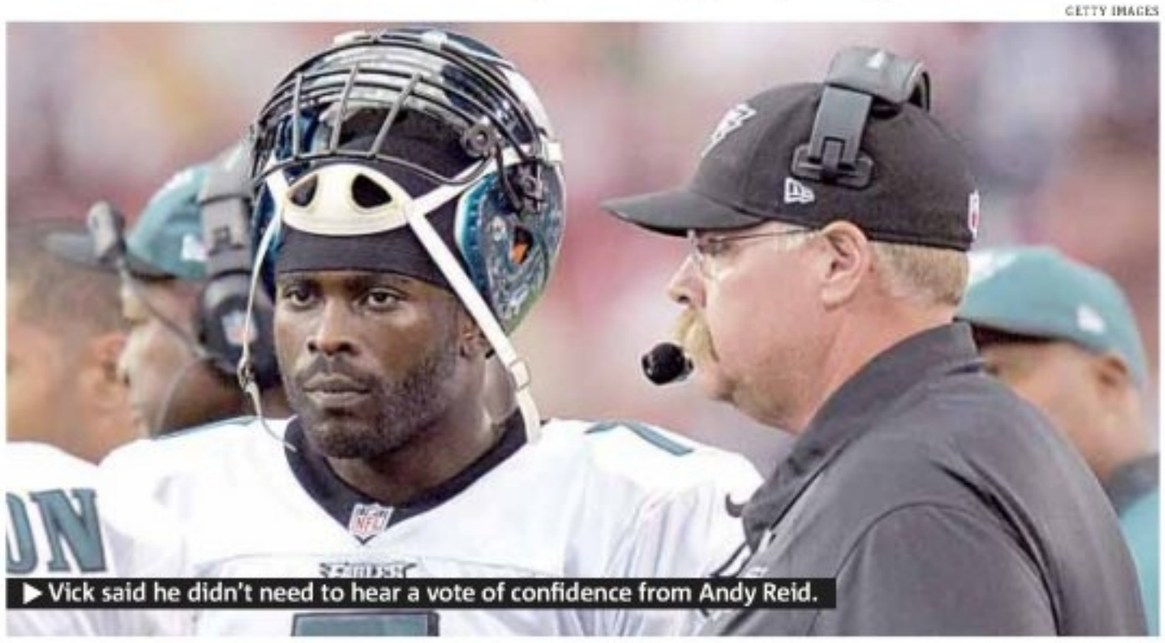

▶ Vick said he didn't need to hear a vote of confidence from Andy Reid.

Vick's teammates all have his back, too. They pulled out all the cliches, saying their sloppy play shouldn't be blamed on one person.

"It doesn't just fall on one person," DeMeco Ryans said. "We all have to continue to do our job and get better."

Vick has been hit an estimated 40 times in three games, including 19 last week.

"It's not just Mike and it's not just the O-line. It's everybody involved in that," said Brent Celek. "We just have to go out and execute better. Then he won't be on his back as much."

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▶ Maclin

Maclin back, competition at linebacker

Jeremy Maclin was a full participant in practice yesterday. Maclin, nursing two hip injuries (contusion, pointer), missed last week's game, but — barring a major setback — is expected to play.

Colt Anderson (knee), Jon Dorenbos (ankle), Fletcher Cox (migraine), King Dunlap (hamstring) and Akeem Jordan (hamstring) missed practice. Demetress Bell saw all the first-team reps at left tackle.

With Jordan out, there is competition going on at weak-side linebacker. Jamar Chaney and Brian Rolle are rotating in and vying for the starting spot. Rolle was the starter last season and heading into training camp.

"They'll both take reps in there," coach Andy Reid said. "We'll just see how that goes."

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NFL, refs close to deal; Eagles not letting scab officials upset focus

Coach, players take high road about replacement officials Sources tell ESPN lockout may end by Sunday Everyone looking forward to real refs

The chaos in Seattle may have been a blessing in disguise after all. The blown call that ended Monday night's game between the Packers and Seahawks has been analyzed and dissected for almost three straight days.

Finally, early yesterday afternoon, a report surfaced that the NFL and its officials were close to completing a deal to end the lockout. According to an ESPN report, the regular refs could return in time to work Sunday's games. One source told ESPN that the last hurdle is "about a little more money."

If that last obstacle is overcome, players are ready to let out sighs of relief across the league. And the Eagles' locker room was no different.

"I was hoping that would end it," Jamar Chaney said of Monday's controversy. "It's just good that we can get the refs back to what they do best — calling games — and we can get back to what we do best, not worrying about that and just playing ball."

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▶ Replacement officials have come under intense scrutiny, especially after Monday's Packers-Seahawks ending.

"It's great to have the regular refs back," Mike Vick said. "Nothing against the replacement officials — they did the best they could, hats off to them."

Coach Andy Reid hasn't said much on the issue all season. He has bit his lip at times — like after last week's loss and confusing/questionable holding penalty he was forced to accept — but he has refused to stir the pot. Reid has instructed his players not to let the replacement officials steal their focus.

"As coaches and players, you've got to take care of your business and make sure you're doing the right things and let that run its course there," Reid said. "These guys are trying as hard as they can possibly try."

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We're only in Week 4, but we're already seeing changes in backfields across the league:

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▶ Mikel Leshoure has quickly taken over as the feature back in Detroit.

Lions' Share

Prior to last week, **Mikel Leshoure** had never played in an NFL game due to injury and suspension. That didn't stop the Lions from giving him 30 touches against the Titans. They've bailed on **Kevin Smith** and are impressed with Leshoure's skills on third down. If he stays healthy, he'll be a weekly RB2 the rest of the way.

Quizz Rising

The Falcons are running one of the league's best up-tempo, vertical schemes. **Michael Turner** just doesn't fit, and it's showing in playing time. Last week, **Jacquizz Rodgers** led the Falcons' running backs in snaps — and got most of them before the game was out of hand. He's a better fit.

Sharing Giants

The Giants love to use a committee approach in the backfield. **Andre Brown**'s impressive play so far is allowing them to do just that. Even though **Ahmad Bradshaw** is keeping his starting gig, Brown has earned a major role. Coach Tom Coughlin is hinting at a "hot-hand" approach.

Target notes

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▶ Wayne

QBs are starting to show who they like throwing to:

1. **Reggie Wayne, IND** — Wayne leads the entire league in targets, with 40. Why? Simply put, he gets open. Wayne is a solid WR2 thanks to his volume.
2. **Danny Amendola, STL** — Amendola is tied for fourth with 34 targets. He's a slot machine, but he's also terrible after the catch. Strictly a PPR option.
3. **Darren McFadden, OAK** — McFadden leads all running backs with 27 targets. It's a way for him to sustain weekly fantasy value even when the o-line isn't opening holes.

NFL pickups

Ryan Williams

▶ **RB, Cardinals**
Beanie Wells has turf toe, a potentially crippling injury for an RB. Williams is a special talent if his knee is right.

Jerome Simpson

▶ **WR, Vikings**
The speedy Simpson is going to step right in as an every-down "X" receiver in a rapidly emerging passing game.

Daniel Thomas

▶ **RB, Dolphins**
Reggie Bush (knee) is highly questionable, making Thomas a decent plug-n-play for Week 4. He's ahead of Lamar Miller.

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Pierre not making any predictions about future

Speedy outfielder pleasant surprise in disappointing season Talks glowingly of first year here But will Phillies bring him back in 2013?

Juan Pierre is no Nostradamus. The fleet outfielder needs to leave the predictions to his close friend Jimmy Rollins.

During the early days of spring training, Pierre wouldn't predict whether he could beat out Scott Podsednik for the fifth outfielder spot.

Pierre earned the gig and went on to become one of the few pleasant surprises in 2012. Pierre also believed the Phillies would go deep in the playoffs with or without him.

"I think I have something to offer this team, but the Phillies won 102 games last season," Pierre said in Clearwater. "Whatever ball they played last year — long ball, small ball — worked. This is a team that's going to have a great season whether I make this team or not."

Pierre couldn't have been more wrong but many pundits agreed with him in March.

"Baseball is a funny game," Pierre said. "You never know what's going to happen. Just when you think you have it all figured out, something you've never seen happens."

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▶ Pierre was batting .313 with 35 stolen bases entering last night's game against the Washington Nationals.

Few could have envisioned the wheels falling off the Phillies' $175 million bus when the season commenced. The core of their lineup, Ryan Howard and Chase Utley, missed half of the season. Roy Halladay was himself for only the first six weeks. Doc had an injury-marred season. The bullpen was a first-half disaster. But the 35-year-old Pierre has been very good. He has hit .313 in over 400-plate appearances. He also leads the team with 35 stolen bases.

"I've had a great time being here with this team," Pierre said. "I love coming here every day to play with these guys."

It'll be interesting to see if the Phils bring Pierre back next season. Since Victorino is gone, so they have just two real threats to steal bags: Rollins and Pierre.

The Phillies figure to play young outfielder Darin Ruf and Nate Schierholtz over the next two weeks. Pierre will likely sit on the bench the rest of the way.

"I'll do whatever the team says," Pierre said.

Will Pierre come back or will he take a better offer elsewhere?

"I love playing here," Pierre said "But regarding the future, I can't make any predictions."

"I've had a great time being here with this team. I love coming here every day to play with these guys."

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Doc gets green light to start, expect change in workout regimen

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▶ Halladay is 10-8 with a 4.40 ERA this season.

Roy Halladay has been given the green light to make another start. Doc will take the mound Saturday against the Marlins in Miami.

Phillies pitching coach Rich Dubee sees no reason to hold Halladay back after he pitched a bullpen session yesterday afternoon.

Dubee noted that Halladay looked like a different pitcher during his session than the hurler who was rocked Saturday by the Braves for seven runs in just 1 2/3 innings.

Halladay was dealing with shoulder spasms but, according to Dubee, the spasms have subsided.

"He's fought that [spasms] from time to time," Dubee said. "But this is a guy who feels like he should carry his end of the bargain and he has. I told him [Tuesday] that he came back faster than expected with just one rehab start. There are a lot of guys in this game who wouldn't have come back as early or came back period. They would have [lain] down for the year."

Halladay is no Carl Pavano. His work ethic and sense of accountability is second to none, so he will be on the hill one last time this season. Dubee didn't say whether there will be a pitch count, but he will keep his eyes on Halladay.

"But I always watch them [his pitchers]," Dubee said. "I've been watching him pretty closely the last three years, and it's been some pretty good scenery."

Dubee has talked to Halladay about his workout regimen after the season ends.

"He has to change his whole program," Dubee said. "We've had great talks about it. He's very open minded to it. He'll fix things. He'll get back to where he needs to be. That's something I'm confident of."

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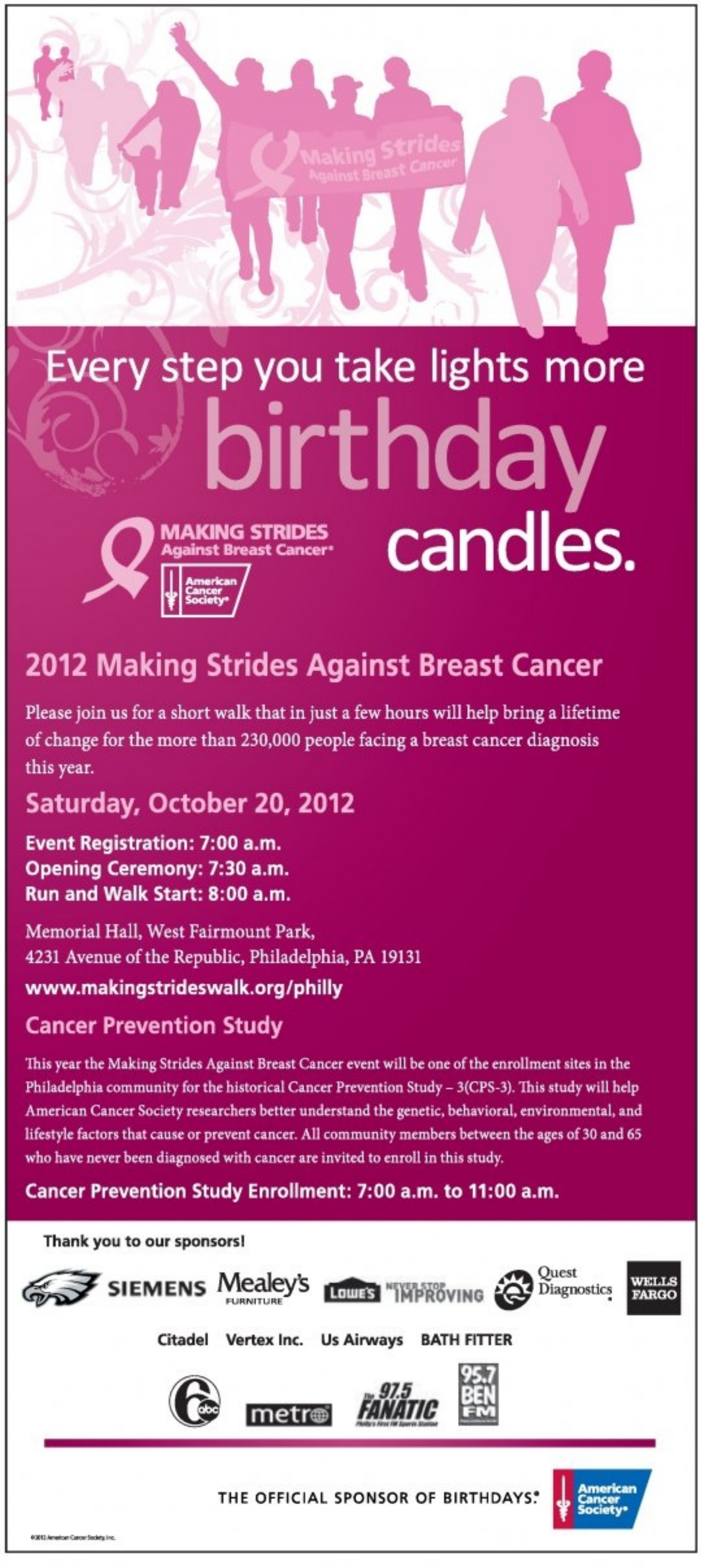
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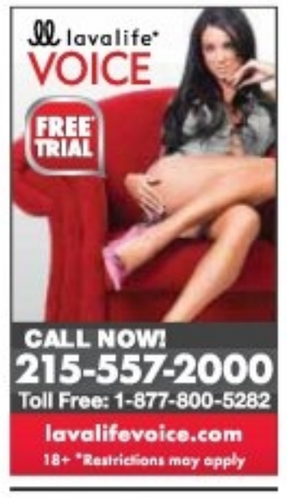

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